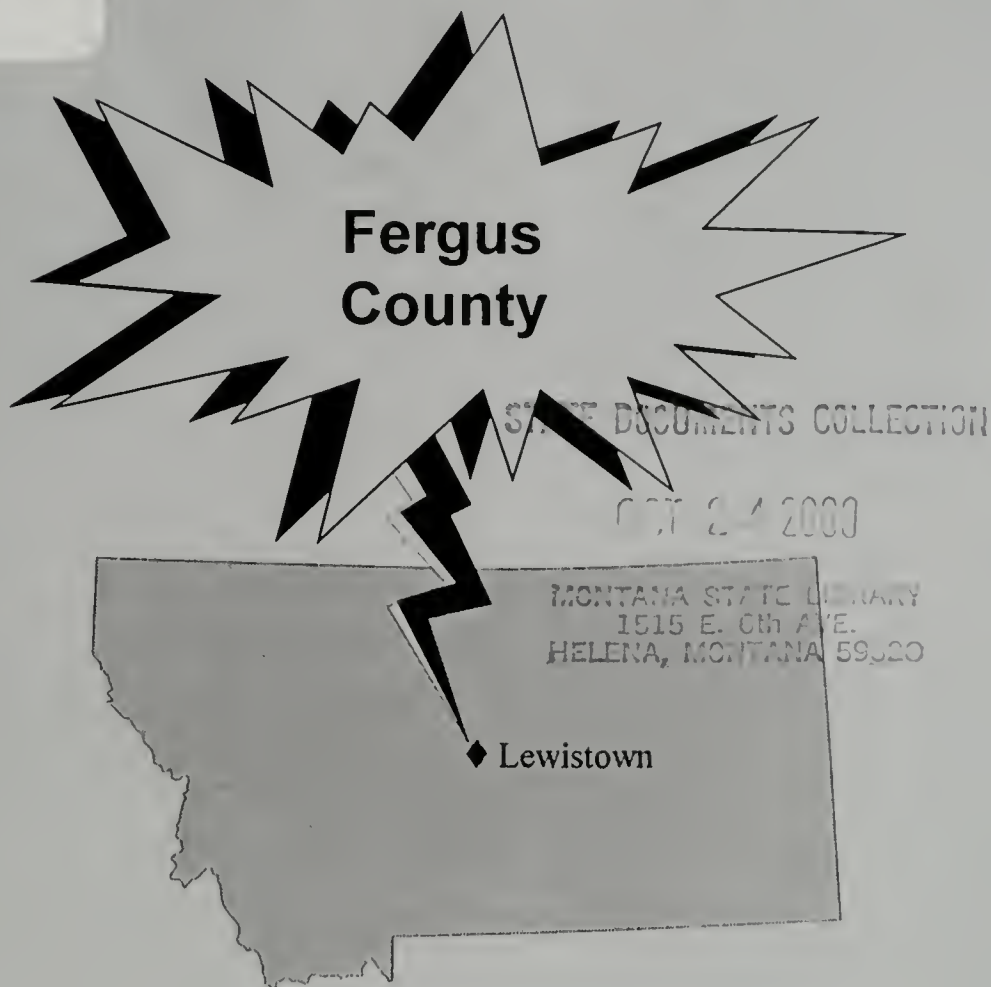


# Department of Labor and Industry Labor Market Information for



## Cities and Towns in Fergus County

Buffalo	◆	Christina	◆	Coffee Creek	◆	Danvers		
Denton	◆	Fergus	◆	Forestgrove	◆	Garneill	◆	Grass Range
Hilger	◆	Lewistown	◆	Maiden	◆	Moore	◆	Ross Fork
		Roy	◆	Suffolk	◆	Winifred		

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# Fergus County

Located in central Montana, Fergus County is Montana’s 14th most populous with 12,083 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Lewistown, the county seat, is the state’s 12th largest city with a population of 6,097. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1885 and named for James Fergus, a pioneer, miner, cattleman and territorial legislator. There’s been debate on where the city takes its name, but it’s generally believed it’s named after Camp Lewis, established in 1874 by Major William Lewis of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. It began as a trading post on the Carroll Trail in the 1880s and incorporated in 1899.

Lewistown is renowned for its water. Big Spring Water produces 99 million gallons a day at 99.9 percent purity. Agriculture and mining are also important to this city’s economy.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Fergus County households in 1989 was \$21,398. The county is 4,350.5 square miles in area; 4,339.3 square miles in land area and 11.2 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a low of 8 degrees above in January to a high of 82 above in July. The annual average precipitation is 16.91 inches and the average growing season 107 days.

## Fergus County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Fergus County	12,498	12,649	12,083	3.4%	4.7%
Denton	Not Available	373	350	Not Available	6.6%
Grass Range	Not Available	169	159	Not Available	6.3%
Lewistown	Not Available	6,380	6,097	Not Available	4.6%
Moore	Not Available	220	211	Not Available	4.3%
Winifred	Not Available	216	150	Not Available	44.0%

## 1997 New Businesses by Industry Fergus County

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39	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1
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Second Quarter 1997 Unemployment Insurance Information.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Fergus County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1970	4,867	4,687	180	3.7%
1971	4,863	4,673	190	3.9%
1972	4,785	4,574	211	4.4%
1973	5,052	4,826	226	4.5%
1974	5,457	5,189	268	4.9%
1975	5,181	4,912	269	5.2%
1976	5,399	5,136	263	4.9%
1977	5,573	5,274	299	5.4%
1978	6,043	5,746	297	4.9%
1979	6,092	5,883	209	3.4%
1980	6,038	5,747	291	4.8%
1981	6,264	5,936	328	5.2%
1982	6,250	5,762	488	7.8%
1983	6,018	5,576	442	7.3%
1984	5,869	5,456	413	7.0%
1985	5,927	5,447	480	8.1%
1986	5,970	5,431	539	9.0%
1987	5,979	5,475	504	8.4%
1988	5,965	5,556	409	6.9%
1989	6,071	5,667	404	6.7%
1990	5,844	5,530	314	5.4%
1991	5,830	5,391	439	7.5%
1992	5,871	5,490	381	6.5%
1993	5,752	5,427	325	5.7%
1994	5,966	5,684	282	4.7%
1995	5,887	5,521	366	6.2%
1996	6,146	5,801	345	5.6%
1997	6,213	5,845	368	5.9%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i>			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	5,462	3,110	2,352
<b>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</b>	977	468	509
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	365	216	149
Professional Specialty Occupations	612	252	360
<b>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</b>	1,129	389	740
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	83	40	43
Sales Occupations	570	310	260
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	476	39	437
<b>Service Occupations</b>	1,078	317	761
Private Household Occupations	26	0	26
Protective Service Occupations	43	40	3
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,009	277	732
<b>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</b>	890	762	128
<b>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</b>	589	569	20
Mechanics and Repairers	238	238	0
Construction Trade	227	224	3
Extractive Occupations	38	38	0
Precision Production Occupations	86	69	17
<b>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</b>	783	597	186
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	197	141	56
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	317	291	26
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	269	165	104
<b>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</b>	16	8	8

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Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**  
Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5436

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**  
*Lewistown Job Service*  
300 1st Ave. N., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8701

*Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Bureau Publications*  
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2005, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**  
Lewistown Board of Realtors, c/o P. O. Box 1059, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5125

⇒ **Internet:**  
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>  
Cities of Hilger and Lewistown Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**  
*Drivers' Licensing*  
Lewistown—Highway Department, West of Lewistown, 406-538-8725

⇒ **Newspaper:**  
*Lewistown-News Argus*, P. O. Box 900, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-3401

⇒ **Public Libraries:**  
Denton Public Library, 515 Broadway, Denton, MT 59430-0986, 406-567-2571  
Lewistown Public Library, 701 W. Main, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5212  
Moore Memorial Library, 403 Fergus Ave., Moore, MT 59464-0125

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**  
Ayers Elementary, P. O. Box 100, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2368  
Cottonwood Elementary, Route 1 Box 1836, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-9787  
Deerfield Elementary, Route 3 Box 3138, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-9746  
Denton Public Schools, P. O. Box 1048, Denton, MT 59430, 406-567-2370  
Grass Range Public Schools, P. O. Box 58, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2122  
King Colony Elementary, RR 2 Box 2288, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-7613  
Lewistown Public Schools, 215 Seventh Ave. S., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8777  
Maiden Elementary, Route 3 Box 3052, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-2169  
Moore Public Schools, P. O. Box 1, Moore, MT 59464, 406-374-2231  
Roy Schools, Box 9, Roy, MT 59471, 406-464-2511  
Spring Creek Colony Elementary, P. O. Box 1185, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-3136  
Winifred Schools, Box 109, Winifred, MT 59489, 406-462-5349

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Fergus County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1996			
Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	483	4,045	\$75,476,551
PRIVATE BUSINESS	433	3,030	\$53,472,880
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	11	52	\$607,536
Agri Production/Livestock	5	28	\$381,479
Agriculture Services	5	9	\$166,039
MINING	3	24	\$1,040,812
CONSTRUCTION	57	230	\$8,931,188
General Building	20	51	\$852,862
Heavy Construction	3	89	\$6,152,696
Special Trade	33	89	\$1,925,630
MANUFACTURING	23	256	\$4,668,122
Food Products	8	56	\$1,108,548
Lumber	6	64	\$804,123
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	23	147	\$3,918,273
Trucking-Warehousing	10	7	\$103,129
Air Transportation	3	18	\$650,671
Communication	4	32	\$362,721
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	78	\$2,679,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	34	203	\$4,002,011
Durable Goods	13	78	\$1,748,862
Nondurable Goods	21	125	\$2,255,149
RETAIL TRADE	108	612	\$8,888,417
Bldg Materials-Garden	10	53	\$846,223
General Merchandise	3	41	\$394,772
Food Stores	7	114	\$1,406,155
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	18	118	\$1,840,131
Apparel & Accessories	7	46	\$494,623
Furniture Stores	5	29	\$314,252
Eating & Drinking	37	330	\$2,241,246
Miscellaneous Retail	18	80	\$1,351,015
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	30	154	\$3,331,946
Banking	8	85	\$2,050,828
Insurance Carriers	6	14	\$284,850
Insurance Agents	5	13	\$284,488
Real Estate	10	31	\$273,358
SERVICES	140	1,144	\$17,951,137
Hotels & Lodging	7	118	\$1,049,569
Personal Services	9	29	\$325,774
Business Services	9	59	\$2,197,491
Auto Repair Services	12	30	\$418,955
Miscellaneous Repair Services	4	20	\$278,449
Motion Pictures	3	17	\$88,485
Amusement & Recreation	8	65	\$666,936
Health Services	31	531	\$9,890,731
Legal Services	11	15	\$185,547
Social Services	13	145	\$1,480,739
Membership Organizations	9	52	\$467,110
Engineering Services	9	30	\$494,127
Private Households	11	13	\$122,386
GOVERNMENT	49	1,015	\$22,003,871
State	13	260	\$5,779,403
Local	21	814	\$11,318,548
Federal	15	139	\$4,907,722

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.  
(Totals may not add due to rounding.)  
\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
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% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%
Fergus County	\$3,670	\$8,525	\$14,940	\$15,448	\$15,351	\$16,439	\$16,149	\$16,384
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Fergus County

1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
							Islander					
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	1,369	866	3	1	12	8	1	1	15	7	0	0
12-14	550	270	0	0	7	4	0	0	8	4	1	1
15-17	483	223	0	0	7	3	4	4	3	1	2	1
18-21	412	194	0	0	8	2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Total	2,814	1,353	3	1	34	15	6	5	28	13	3	2

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
							Islander					
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
18+	9,084	4,895	5	1	98	43	10	8	45	19	13	4
18-64	8,877	3,351	4	0	81	35	10	8	38	17	10	3
18+	8,747	4,552	5	1	90	40	7	5	44	18	12	3
18-64	8,360	3,208	4	0	75	32	7	5	37	16	9	2

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
							Islander					
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	773	377	2	0	5	3	1	1	4	1	2	0
5-17	2,402	1,159	3	1	28	13	5	5	24	12	3	2
18-44	3,924	1,947	3	0	49	23	8	4	27	13	8	2
45-64	2,438	1,281	1	0	28	9	1	1	10	3	1	0
62+	2,808	1,577	2	1	21	13	0	0	7	2	3	1
65+	2,387	1,344	1	1	15	8	0	0	7	2	3	1
Total	11,922	6,088	10	2	121	58	13	11	72	31	17	5

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896

Fergus County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Fergus County	County of Work	# Who Live In Fergus County
Out of State	30	Out of State	35
Fergus County	4,889	Fergus County	4,889
Judith Basin County	74	Phillips	32
Cascade County	18	Judith Basin County	21
Musselshell County	15	Petroleum County	21
Missoula County	8	Wheatland County	21
Petroleum County	8	Richland	16
Teton County	7	Cascade County	13
Madison County	7	Teton County	11
Other Montana Counties	27	Other Montana Counties	48

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics